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1. CHICAGO TRIBUNE REPORTED IN ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH THAT "SOURCES SAID SECRET CIA STUDY PREPARED FOR THE WHITE HOUSE PROVIDES 'GROTESQUE' EVIDENCE THAT THE SOVIET UNION USED CHEMICAL WARFARE TO KILL THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND AFGHANISTAN." AP SAID "SOURCES WHO DECLINED TO BE INDENTIFIED," DISCLOSED "THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE CONTAINS ADDITIONAL 'HARD EVIDENCE' OF SOVIET USE OF POTENT CHEMICAL WEAPONS, INCLUDING SO-CALLED 'YELLOW RAIN.'" ACCORDING TO AP'S SOURCES "A 'SANITIZED' VERSION OF THE INTELLIGENCE REPORT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC WITHIN SEVERAL WEEKS TO PROVIDE FURTHER SUPPORT FOR THE CHARGES MADE BY HAIG AND OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS."
2. IN RELATED STORY, WASHINGTON POST'S "WORLD ROUNDUP" FEATURE REPORTED IN DISPATCH FROM BANGKOK THAT "THE VIETNAMESE-BACKED GOVERNMENT IN PHNOM PENH HAS ACCUSED THAILAND OF FIRING SHELLS CONTAINING 'POSIONOUS CHEMICALS'

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INTO CAMBODIA." ACCORDING TO POST, "HANOI RADIO, QUOTING A FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT FROM THE CAMBODIAN CAPITAL, SAID THAT 105MM SHELLS FIRED FROM THAILAND LANDED SEVERAL MILES INSIDE THE BORDER FEB. 11 AND 14." POST ALSO REPORTED "THAI MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID THE REPORT WAS UNTRUE, 'AIMED AT COVERING THEIR OWN ACTIVITIES AGAINST THAILAND.'

3. JOHN VINOCUR OF N.Y. TIMES REPORTED FROM BONN THAT "THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC REGIONAL PARTY ORGANIZATION IN WEST BERLIN GAVE CLEAR BACKING TODAY TO CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT'S POLICY ON THE POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT OF NEW AMERICAN NUCLEAR MISSILES IN WEST GERMANY." VINOCUR SAID "THE MOTION OF SUPPORT WAS APPROVED AT A SPECIAL MEETIN IN WEST BERLIN, REVERSING A SERIES OF DEFEATS FOR SCHMIDT ON SECURITY ISSUES IN OTHER PARTY CONGRESSES." TIMES' COR-

RESPONDENT ALSO REPORTED "THE MEETING REJECTED A RESOLUTION FROM THE PARTY'S LEFT WING THAT CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO ABANDON ITS BACKING FOR DEPLOYMENT OF CRUISE AND PERSHING 2 MISSILES IN WEST GERMANY IF THERE WERE NO POSITIVE RESULTS FROM NEGOTIATIONS ON INTERMEDIATE RANGE MISSILES NOW UNDER WAY IN GENEVA BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION." VINOCUR NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE "PARTY LEADERS IN BONN BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL HAVE A LARGE MAJORITY IN MUNICH VOTING NEXT APRIL IN SUPPORT OF SCHMIDT'S SECURITY POLICY, THEY ARE LESS CERTAIN ABOUT BEING ABLE TO BLOCK MOTIONS CALLING FOR A MORATORIUM ON DEPLOYMENT WHILE THE GENEVA TALKS ARE IN PROGRESS."

4. N.Y. TIMES REPORTED IN ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH FROM ABU DHABI THAT "MINISTER OF PETROLEUM OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, MANI SAID AL-OTAIBA, DISCLOSED THAT FRANCE HAD OFFERED TO SUPPLY ABU DHABI WITH 'AN ATOMIC REACTOR FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.'" ACCORDING TO TIMES, "OTAIBA SAID THE OFFER CAME DURING THE CURRENT TWO-DAY VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER CLAUDE CHEYSSON OF FRANCE." TIMES ALSO REPORTED "CHEYSSON IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT IRAQ SUNDAY TO DISCUSS THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR REACTOR THAT ISRAEL BOMBED LAS JUNE 7."

5. DAVID SHRIBMAN OF THE N.Y. TIMES REPORTED THAT "OFFICIALS AT THE STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS HAVE BECOME CONCERNED THAT AN IMPORT RESTRICTION THAT CONGRESS ENACTED LATE LAST YEAR MAY JEOPARDIZE ARMS COOPERATIONS EFFORTS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ITS ALLIES." SHRIBMAN OBSERVED THAT "THE LITTLE-NOTICED CONGRESSIONAL AMENDMENT, KNOWN AS THE SPECIALTY METAL CLAUSE, PROHIBITS THE IMPORT OF MILITARY PRODUCTS CONTAINING A NUMBER OF METALS, AND THE AMENDMENT HAS PROMPTED AMERICAN ALLIES TO CHARGE THAT THE U.S., WHICH IS ITSELF A LEADING ARMS EXPORTER, IS UNWILLING TO MAKE PURCHASES ABROAD." ONE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WAS QUOTED BY SHRIBMAN AS SAYING "THE ALLIES ARE REALLY UPSET

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OVERTHAT.I CAN'T OVERESTIMATE HOW MUCH THEY'RE UPSET ABOUT IT," AND THE TIMES CORRESPONDENT NOTED THAT "LACK OF COOPERATION IN THE ARMSFIELD HAS BEEN A PERENNIAL PROBLEM IN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE." SHRIBMAN ALSO REPORTED THAT "PENTAGON OFFICIALS ARE EQUALLY CONCERNED TEAT THE PRINCIPLE OF ARMS CONSIDERATION AND STANDARDIZATION IN NATO AND AMONG OTHER ALLIES MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN HARMED." ACCORDING TO ONE PENTAGON OFFICIAL,"'EVERY EMBASSY IN NATO' HAD WRITTEN PROTEST LETTERS ABOUT THE TRADE RESTRICTION."
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